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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFELLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING

1. DUFF ASKED ME THIS MORNING IF WE COULD SEND MESSAGE ON NAMIBIA TO EC-9 PRESIDENCY IN THE HAGUE IN ANTICIPATION OF EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. HE CONTENDS IT WILL BE HELPFUL IN HEADING OFFOROPENSITV OF SOME TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE AS DATE FOR SC DEBATE APPROACHES. IF YOU ARE DISPOSED TO DO THIS I SUGGEST FOLLOWING FOR TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY THE HAGUE:

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2. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE EC-9 PRESIDENCY FOLLOWING US APPRECIATION OF NAMIBIAN SITUATION:

3. MOST RECENT IN SERIES OF US CONSULTATIONS WITH PART-IES CONCERNED WITH NAMIBIAN QUESTION WAS SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SAG PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN ZURICH. ON BASIS OUR CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SAG WILL AGREE TO TRANSFER OF CONSTITUTIONAL CON-FERENCE TO GENEVA, THE PARTICIPATION OF SWAPO IN THOSE MEETINGS AND THE FIXED DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE. IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE THE CASE, WE HOPE THAT OTHER SWAPO DEMANDS CAN BE TREATED AS QUESTIONS TO BE NEGOTIATED IN THE GENEVA MEETINGS.

4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL RETURN TO AFRICA NEXT WEEK TO PURSUE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA--AS WELL AS RHODESIA--IN CONSULTATION WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AND, IF NECESSARY, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. IF WE CAN ACHIEVE AGREEMENT RAPIDLY, WE WILL BE ON THE WAY TO AN ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE IN NAMIBIA AND THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR CRITICAL OR PUNITIVE SC RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA LATER THIS MONTH. OUR BELIEF IS THAT THIS PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE MUST BE THOROUGHLY TESTED AND EXPLORED. WE ARE KEEPING IN MIND LEGITIMATE UN ROLE IN THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION. BUT OUR AIM IS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS WHICH, HOWEVER, WE HOPE WILL PRESERVE AS MUCH UN PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE IN THE PROCESS.

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